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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Martez D. Ford, 23, of Detroit, Michigan, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 88 months in federal prison for distribution of crack cocaine. Ford pleaded guilty to this charge on May 11, 2007.

In September 2005, a confidential informant made three purchases of crack cocaine from Ford in Superior, Wisconsin. These purchases from Ford were recorded by audio and video. Upon his arrest, Ford admitted to selling crack cocaine.

The charges against Ford were the result of an investigation conducted by the Lake Superior Drug and Gang Task Force and the Superior Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

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